



Regional Developments

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Haryana

Haryana govt approves new excise policy for 2022-23

The Haryana government recently approved a new excise policy for 2022-23. As per the new policy, liquor vends will be auctioned through e-tender of retail zones.

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Haryana govt to design District Good Governance Index on lines of J&K

The Haryana government has decided to design the District Good Governance Index, on the lines of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K).. The move aims to ensure all-round development of the state.

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Haryana govt launches 'Chaara-Bijae Yojana'

On 10 May 2022, the Haryana government launched the 'Chaara-Bijae Yojana'. Under the scheme, the state government will provide financial assistance of Rs. 10,000 per acre to each farmer growing fodder on up to four hectares of land around the cowshed and supplying the produce to them.

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Himachal Pradesh

Himachal Pradesh govt completes 100% electrification of rural areas

The Himachal Pradesh government has completed 100 per cent electrification of rural areas. According to Chief Minister (CM) Jai Ram Thakur free electricity up to 125 units would be provided to domestic consumers.

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Foundation stone laid of AstroTurf hockey stadium in Himachal Pradesh's Sirmaur

On 8 May 2022, Union minister for information & broadcasting, youth affairs and sports laid the foundation stone of a Rs. 75 million AstroTurf hockey stadium at Majra in Himachal Pradesh's Sirmaur district. The amount would be used to facilitate budding hockey players, especially women, besides providing hostel facilities.

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Himachal Pradesh govt to bring 137 colleges under SPU, 165 under HPU

The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to bring as many as 137 colleges in five out of 12 districts under the newly-opened Sardar Patel University (SPU) in Mandi.

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Punjab

Punjab minister lays foundation for 2 projects at NSNIS in Patiala

On 7 May 2022, Punjab sports minister Anurag Thakur laid foundation stones for two new projects at the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports (NSNIS) in Patiala.

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Centre approves Rs. 12.5 mln for plant clinic in Punjab's Moga

The Centre has approved Rs. 12.5 million to set up a plant clinic at Duneke village in Punjab's Moga district. The aim is to provide diagnostic services to farmers about plant and soil health problems.

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Punjab govt to set up single-window to ensure speedy clearances to industrialists

The Punjab government has decided to set up a single-window in every district to ensure speedy clearances to industrialists. The move will enable industrialists to get clearances for their projects in a prompt, smooth and hassle-free manner.

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Gujarat

Gujarat govt to launch policy to bifurcate different types of landholdings

The Gujarat government has decided to launch a policy to bifurcate different types of landholdings that were part of abolished laws as new and old tenure land.

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Gujarat govt to launch development works worth Rs. 122 bln by October

Development works worth Rs. 122 billion will either be dedicated or their foundation stones will be laid in 33 districts of Gujarat by October 2022. Apart from this, the state government will distribute 4.2 million bamboos worth Rs. 200 million by May 2022-end. The aim is to provide employment opportunities to bamboo artists and tribals in the state.

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500 KLD bioethanol plant to be set up in Gujarat

Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) and GAIL India have signed an agreement to set up a bioethanol plant with a capacity of 500 kilolitres per day (KLD) in Gujarat. The proposed plant will use corn/broken rice as feedstock with eco-friendly technology for blending in petrol.

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Maharashtra

Maharashtra's MSEDCL invites bids to procure 431 MW of solar power

The Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) has invited bids to procure 431 MW of solar power from decentralised solar projects of 500 kW to two MW capacity. The power will be purchased under Component-A of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM).

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Maharashtra govt to prepare Unified Citizen Data Hub

The Maharashtra government is planning to prepare a Unified Citizen Data Hub (UCDH) that will contain a wide range of information about an individual. This will help streamline the transfer of welfare benefits and plan more schemes.

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Maharashtra govt to develop Manghar as 'honey village'

The Maharashtra government has decided to develop Manghar as 'honey village'. The move aims to boost honey production in the state by developing village-based tourism and underlining the role of honeybees in the food chain.

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Jammu & Kashmir

40 trucks flagged off for welfare of migratory tribal population in J&K

On 8 May 2022, as many as 40 trucks were flagged off by the Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) tribal affairs department for transportation of livestock and families of migratory tribal population from various districts to highland pastures.

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Centre approves Rs. 120 bln to overhaul power infrastructure in J&K

The Centre has approved Rs. 120 billion for Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). The aim is to overhaul power infrastructure in urban and rural areas, thereby ensuring regular electricity supply in the union territory (UT).

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J&K admin declares all six wings of UT's crime branch as police stations

The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) administration has declared all six wings of the union territory's (UT) crime branch, located in Jammu and Srinagar, as police stations. These new police stations are Special Crime Wing (SCW), Economic Offences Wing (EOW) and Cyber Crime Investigation Centre for Excellence (CICE).

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Madhya Pradesh

MPUVNL invites bids for 1,250 MW of solar power projects in Madhya Pradesh

The Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (MPUVNL) has floated tenders for setting up 1,250 MW of grid-connected solar power projects at various locations in Madhya Pradesh.

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Madhya Pradesh's Guna to get green hydrogen plant

Madhya Pradesh's Guna is set to get one of India's largest proton exchange membrane (PEM) electrolyzer which would produce green hydrogen. The plant is scheduled to be commissioned by the state-owned Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) by November 2023.

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PM launches Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy

On 13 May 2022, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi launched the Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy. Besides this, he also unveiled a startup portal. The move aims to promote the startup ecosystem and nurture young entrepreneurs in Madhya Pradesh.

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Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu minister inaugurates several projects worth Rs. 55.9 mln in Coimbatore

On 8 May 2022, Tamil Nadu water supply minister KN Nehru inaugurated several projects worth Rs. 55.9 million in Coimbatore. He further unveiled 263 projects, that will be taken up in the city by the Coimbatore Municipal Corporation at a cost of Rs. 496.2 million.

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Tamil Nadu Assembly passes 20 Bills

On 10 May 2022, the Tamil Nadu Assembly passed as many as 20 Bills. These include Bills to hike property tax annually, empower the state government to appoint a vice-chancellor (VC) to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, revive Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act and ease the procedure to grant temporary leave to detenus.

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Tamil Nadu govt targets USD 100 bln exports by 2030

The Tamil Nadu government has set a target of generating USD 100 billion in terms of exports by 2030. In order to achieve the goal, the state government is undertaking various initiatives such as the allotment of Rs. 1 billion to improve the infrastructure of export companies, setting up of knowledge city, releasing an export promotion strategy, etc.

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Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh govt to install meters for agricultural motors

The Andhra Pradesh government will soon install meters for agricultural motors, informed Chief Minister (CM) YS Jaganmohan Reddy. The move would provide quality electricity, said the CM. The decision has been taken after a pilot project undertaken in this direction in Srikakulam district was successful.

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Andhra Pradesh govt to launch 29 PSH projects for power generation

The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to come up with 29 pumped storage hydropower (PSH) projects with a total capacity of 33,240 MW. The project will be carried out in a phased manner with an aim to meet the growing demand for power in the future.

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Omega Seiki to make Vizag plant export hub for electric LCV

Electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer Omega Seiki Mobility will use its green-field manufacturing facility in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh as an export hub for its newly-launched electric light commercial vehicles (eLCVs) with plans to send half of its output to its overseas market.

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Karnataka

Toyota to invest Rs.48 billion in India to produce EV components in Karnataka

Toyota Group of Companies comprising of Toyota Kirloskar Motor and Toyota Kirloskar Auto Parts said that together with a related company they will invest Rs.48 billion for local production of electric power-train parts and components.

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Karnataka govt to set up committee to screen tenders above Rs. 500 mln

The Karnataka government has decided to set up a three-member scrutiny committee to screen all tenders above Rs. 500 million. The objective is to bring transparency and curb irregularities in the tendering process.

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Karnataka Cabinet approves Cyber Security Policy

On 12 May 2022, the Karnataka Cabinet approved the Karnataka Cyber Security Policy 2022-27. It is aimed at strengthening the capabilities of the state government and information technology (IT) industry in monitoring cases of cybercrime.

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Telangana

Telangana govt to launch Biomedical Equipment Maintenance Policy

The Telangana government has decided to launch a Biomedical Equipment Maintenance Policy. The country's first-of-its-kind policy would ensure upkeep and repair of all equipment in the government hospitals.

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Kitex Group begins work on Kakatiya mega textiles park

Kitex Group has begun construction work on its integrated fiber-to-apparel manufacturing cluster at the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park at Warangal in Telangana. The company plans to invest Rs.16 billion in this project, which will be spread over 200 acres.

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Telangana govt announces One-Time Settlement scheme

On 9 May 2022, the Telangana commercial taxes department announced a One-Time Settlement (OTS) scheme. The scheme has a provision to resolve disputed tax under the legacy Acts such as the Andhra Pradesh General Sales Tax Act, Telangana Value Added Tax Act, Central Sales Tax Act, etc.

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Delhi

5 markets in Delhi to be selected for redevelopment

The Delhi government has decided to constitute a committee to select as many as five markets for redevelopment from over 50 market associations that have applied for it. A sum of Rs. 1 billion will be utilised for revamping these markets.

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Delhi govt approves 2 key flyover/elevated corridor projects

On 10 May 2022, the Delhi government approved as many as two key flyover/elevated corridor projects to decongest arterial roads in east and west Delhi. The construction of these projects will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 7.2 billion.

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Delhi govt launches new film policy

On 13 May 2022, Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia unveiled the Delhi Film Policy. The policy focuses on a single-window system with an aim to provide clearances for film shootings within 15 days, subsidies and international film festivals.

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Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh govt to open office in Maharashtra's Mumbai

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to open an office in Maharashtra's Mumbai. The aim is to provide social security to those from Uttar Pradesh working in Maharashtra's organised & unorganised sectors.

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UPPCB to allow only PNG-based industries in Noida, Ghaziabad

The Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) plans to allow only PNG-based industries in Noida and Ghaziabad from 1 October 2022.

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Uttar Pradesh to soon have Metro rail network in 12 cities

Uttar Pradesh will soon have a Metro rail network in 12 cities, in a bid to ensure world-class connectivity. The state government is looking to expand the services to Gorakhpur, Varanasi, Meerut, Bareilly, Jhansi and Prayagraj.

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Rajasthan

Rajasthan emerges as leading state on various parameters of MGNREGA

Rajasthan has emerged as the leading state on various parameters of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). This has come after the state government decided to give employment for an additional 25 days to the eligible rural families completing the stipulated 100 days in a year.

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Rajasthan CM approves financial packages for infra development, student-related schemes

On 10 May 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister (CM) Ashok Gehlot approved financial packages for several schemes related to infrastructure development and students. As part of this, the state government has sanctioned around Rs. 1.3 billion for the construction of various roads and other infrastructure works under the State Highway & Rural Road Scheme.

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Rajasthan govt approves necessary amendments in rules for implementing OPS

The Rajasthan government has approved necessary amendments in rules for implementing the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). The amendments in the rules were approved for the implementation of the Budget announcement of the scheme for all government employees appointed on and after 1 January 2004.

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West Bengal

West Bengal govt revises paddy procurement target to 5.5 MMT

The West Bengal food and supplies department has revised its paddy procurement target to 5.5 million metric tonnes (MMT) from 4.9 MMT. The decision came after the Centre updated its food grain allocation under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for May to September 2022.

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West Bengal govt mulls to create more districts

The West Bengal government is mulling to create more districts as the area of the existing 23 districts is vast. The information was shared by Chief Minister (CM) Mamata Banerjee on 12 May 2022. However, the state needs more manpower and infrastructure for this purpose, she added. Once more districts are created it will help expedite development work.

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Bihar

Bihar CM seeks omission of contentious clauses from new NPR forms

On 9 May 2022, Bihar Chief Minister (CM) Nitish Kumar stated that the National Population Register (NPR) should be implemented in the state according to its 2010 format. The state government has already written to the Centre seeking omission of contentious clauses from NPR forms. The authorities are of the view that one should not be asked to furnish information like the birthplace of parents as required in the new format. The governments of Kerala, West Bengal and Punjab have also objected to implement the new NPR.

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More startup hubs to be set up across Bihar

The Bihar industries department is planning to set up more startup hubs in Patna, Hajipur, Bhagalpur and Kumarbagh on the lines of the play-and-plug model. Over 200 such centres will come up across the state in the next three months.

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NABARD provides financial support of Rs 9,836 cr in Bihar in FY 2021-22

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported a 38% increase in its financial support in Bihar in FY 2021-22 compared to FY 2020-21

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Odisha

Odisha govt approves Rs. 284 mln for construction, widening of Brahmapur road

The Odisha housing and urban development department has approved Rs. 284 million for taking up works on the Brahmapur road. The construction and widening of the road from Diamond Tank junction to Mango market was pending since the last five years, causing serious discontentment among the local people of Ward No 12 and 14.

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Odisha govt signs MoU for implementing 'Vanya Silk Programme'

Odisha government signed a tripartite MoU for implementing the 'Vanya Silk Programme' in the state. The objective is to provide livelihood to forest dwellers through tasar sericulture activities.

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Odisha govt expands special programme on promotion of APCs

The Odisha government has expanded the special programme on promotion of agriculture production clusters to 14 more tribal blocks of four districts. The project is estimated to cost Rs. 2.2 billion, of which the district mineral foundation's share will be over Rs. 277.5 million.

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North-East

Assam Cabinet approves 4% job reservation to persons with benchmark disabilities

The Assam Cabinet has given nod for granting four per cent job reservation to persons with benchmark disabilities for direct recruitment to grade I, II, III and IV government posts.

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Assam's Dibrugarh admin imposes 'no helmet, no fuel' rule

On 10 May 2022, Assam's Dibrugarh administration imposed the 'no helmet, no fuel' rule across the district. This has come as part of the state government's effort to curb fatalities because of two-wheeler accidents.

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Arunachal Pradesh govt signs MoU with Creduce HCPL for development of bamboo resources

The Arunachal Pradesh government has signed an MoU with the Creduce and Hydrel Consultants Private Limited (HCPL) for the cultivation & development of bamboo resources in the state.

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Jharkhand

2 special research centres to come up in Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi

As many as two special research centres are scheduled to come up in the Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi. These centres will be named as the Centre for Environment, Society & Governance and Birsa Munda Centre of Indigenous Knowledge & Sustainable Development.

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Irrigation project to be launched in CCA of Jharkhand's Dumka

The Jharkhand government commissioned a significant irrigation project to engineering major Larsen & Toubro (L&T), today. The objective is to provide water to irrigate 22,283 hectares of Culturable Command Area (CCA) in Dumka district by pumping water from the Sidheshwari river.

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Jharkhand Cabinet approves 19 proposals

The Jharkhand Cabinet approved as many as 19 proposals. These include a decision to give free books and uniforms to around 500,000 students of classes IX-XII. It has also decided to restructure the Jharkhand State Finance Commission.

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Kerala

500 BPL families in Kerala to get free internet connections by May-end

The Kerala government has decided to provide free internet connections to as many as 500 below poverty line (BPL) families in all Assembly constituencies by the end of May 2022.

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Kerala govt to set up 9,666 MSMEs in Alappuzha

The Kerala government is considering to set up as many as 9,666 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) in Alappuzha district this year. The move aims to generate more employment opportunities, besides enhancing the face of industrial parks in the state.

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JioFiber expands its presence in Kerala

JioFiber, the country's high-speed broadband service, has expanded its presence in Kerala by expanding its services to 33 cities and towns in the state. It intends to expand its footprint to 60 additional towns by the end of 2022.

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